(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to meet the shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) As per studies conducted by the Advisory Board on Energy, an average household consumes about 3.5 tonnes of biomass per year in the form of fuel for cooking and heating in domestic sector. Government has adopted certain strategies, like increased production by raising fuelwood plantations; conservation of energy through better and efficient devices etc.

(b) It has been estimated that in rural areas firewood contributes as high as 68.5% of the total energy consumption followed by animal dung (8.3%), Coal products (2.3%) and other (3.4%).

(c) and (d). There is a gap between demand and supply of non-commercial fuels used in the domestic sector. To bridge the gap between demand and supply of non-commercial fuels, the Government has taken the following steps:-

(i) Increase in production by raising fueiwood plantations;

(ii) Conserving fuel by improving the efficiency of Chulhas.

(iii) Replacement of wood fuel with solar cookers, biogas, LPG, etc.

[*Translation*]

Karnapura Thermal Power Projects in Bihar

1779. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up Karnapura Thermal Power Station in Tandva region in Chatra district of Bihar in collaboration with the Australian Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). A proposal has been received from National Thermal Power Corporation for setting up a (2x500 MW) Coal-based Super Thermal Power Project at North Karanpura (Tandwa site) in Hazaribagh District of Bihar. The proposal has been techno-economically cleared by the Central Electricity Authority subject to certain conditions including clearance from environmental angle, confirmation of water availability etc. The project will require investment approval after these issues are settled. No Australian collaboration for this project has been envisaged at present.

Proposal to Increase Duration of Parliament New on Doordarshan

1771. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK:
SHRI BARE LAL JATAV:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the duration of Parliament News on Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTRY IN THE MINISTSRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) There is no proposal at present.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It is the constant endeavour of the Government to inform the people about the important information through other programmes also.

Rural Electrification in Orissa

1772. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages electrified during the year 1990-91 and the villages which are yet to be electrified in Orissa;

(b) the amount proposed to be provided by the Government to meet the demand of the Orissa State Government for elecstrification; and

(c) if no such assistance is proposed the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The Orissa State Electricity Board has reported electrification of 1,385 villages in Orissa during 1990-91. As on 30.9.1991, there were 14,864 unelectrified villages in Orissa.

(b) and (c). The Planning Commission has allocated an amount of Rs.39.96 crores during 1991-92 to be funded through Rural Electrification Corporation, for rural electrification works in Orissa.

[English]

Electricity from Central Power Grid

1773. SHRI KARIYA MUNDA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide electricity to more villages to Chhota Nagpur of Bihar by providing electricity form Central Power Grid and from other States, and

(b) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). Power from various generating stations, including Central stations, is fed into the regional grid from where it gets distributed among the beneficiary States/Systems as per their respective shares. The Electrification of villages in Bihar including Chhota Nagpur depends upon the allocation made by the State Government for the districts within the over all allocation of power for the State.

Clearance to TV Serial 'Kayar' (Coir) by Doordarshan

1774. PROF. K.V. THOMAS:
SHRI PALA K.M. MATHEW:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the TV Serial 'Kayar' (Coir) has been given complete clearance for telecast;

(b) whether some parts of this serial have been pruned by the Doordarshan;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(d) whether the Government propose to tke care that the spirit of the novel "Coir" is not erroded by the actions of Doordarshan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir. Each episode is separately previewed and cleared before its telecast